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Application No.: 10/618,706	)	Group Art Unit: 1762
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Filed: July 15, 2003	)	Examiner: B. Chen
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For: PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING A	)	
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(As Amended)	)	

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 9, 2004, Applicant respectfully resubmits herewith in its entirety the corrected amendments to the claims section of the Amendment and Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on October 22, 2004.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136, not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

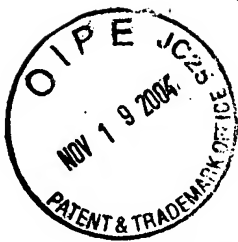
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**AMENDMENT AND**

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 23, 2004, the period of response to which extends through October 23, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows: